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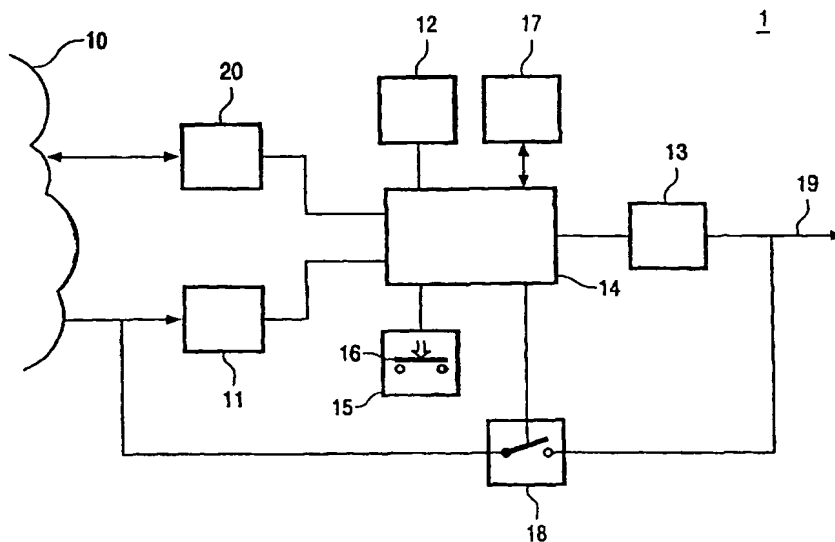
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(54) Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR OVERRIDING A DO-NOT-DISTURB MODE



(57) Abstract: A device for receiving messages like a combination of an alarm clock and an answering machine has a message receiving unit (11), a recording and playback unit (17), a clock (12), and controls an attention signal. The device has a do-not-disturb mode, an alarm mode, and times can be selected for the do-not-disturb mode and/or the alarm mode. In the do-not-disturb mode, messages are recorded and the attention signal is suppressed. The device has a response unit (20) for providing an override function for the remote sender for overriding a mode set by the user. Hence, the sender receives a response that the device is in the do-not-disturb mode, and has the option to generate the attention signal in spite of the do-not-disturb mode